E-GOV Business Gateway

Data Harmonization Project Approach

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What is the Business Gateway?

- A cross-governmental “E-Gov” initiative
- A group trying to make it easier for small and medium- sized businesses to interact with the government
- A coalition of 22 Federal Agencies, led by the Small Business Administration
- See: www.business.gov

Today's Meeting

Purpose:

- To spark interest in cross-governmental data harmonization

Outcomes:

- Identification of a sub-sector that submits redundant information to the government
- Identification of "champions" within industry and government
- Identification of a pilot project

Business Gateway: Harmonization

Data Harmonization: reducing the amount of data input by businesses through effective reuse of data across federal agencies and possibly state governments.

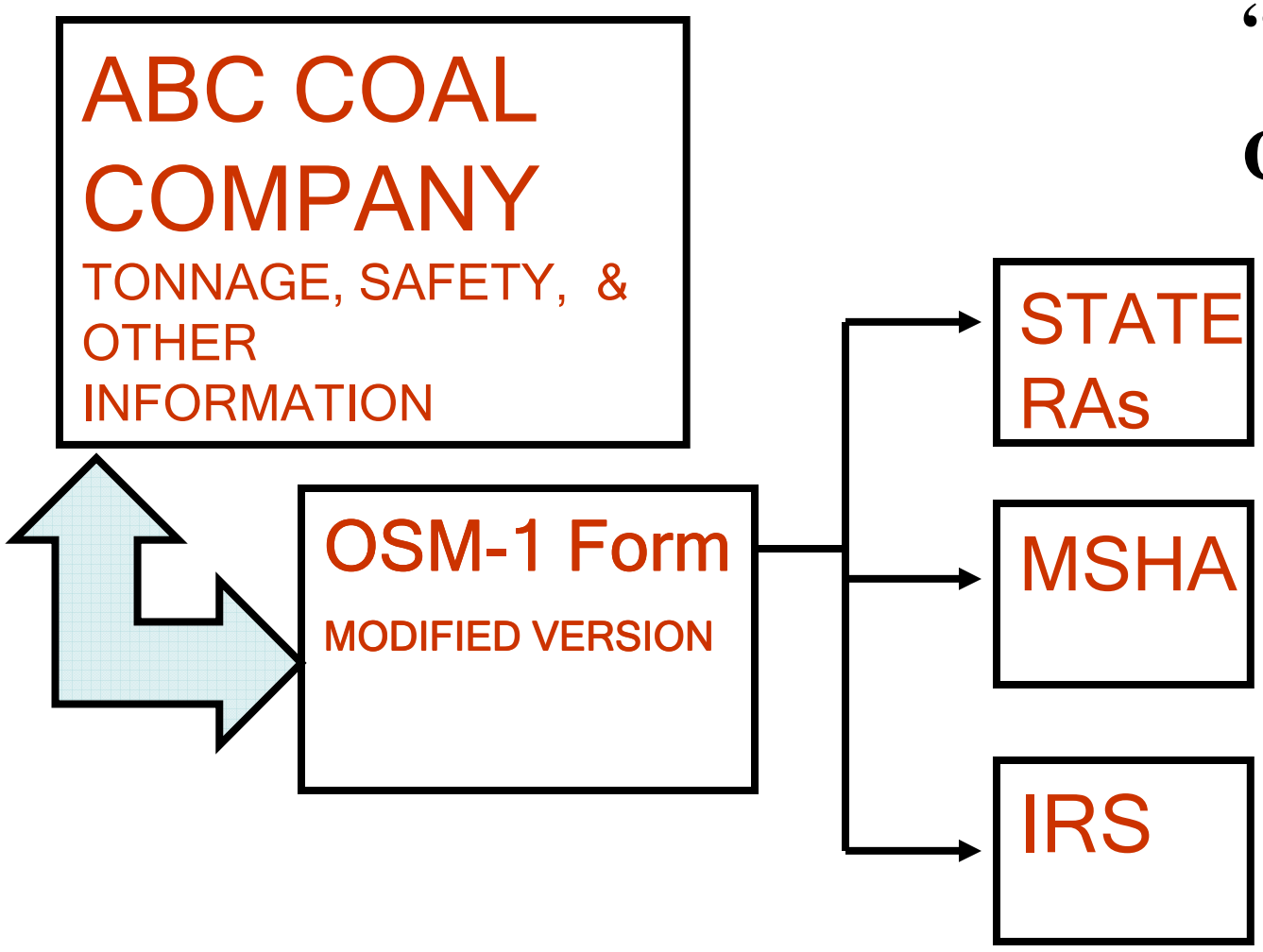
E-GOV Previous Data Harmonization Work

The Surface Coal Mining Industry:

- Used to report redundant data to agencies
- Some paper forms, some electronic
- Several agencies (OSM, MSHA, State regulatory bodies) agreed on common data definitions
- What is a “ton”?

E-GOV Previous Data Harmonization Work

“Single Source Coal Reporting”



SAMPLE SCREEN ONLINE

- LOGOUT

Coal Business Compliance "One-Stop" Reporting

Who uses what?

ACME Mining LLC

Reporting Period: 1st Qtr, 2002

Permit Number: AGM45679

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OSM

MSHA

Other agencies, such as IRS, PADEP and State Regulatory bodies would automatically receive appropriate data from such an entry screen.

E-GOV Overall Benefits (for companies)

- Significantly less repetition of data entry onto forms.
- Lower cost and less time filing reports.
- All data is both internally and inter-agency consistent.
- Status reports available at any time
- Reminders available by e-mail, fewer missed deadlines.

E-GOV Overall Benefits (for the Agencies)

- All company data is consistent between agencies
- Lower cost for data entry – being done by the company on-line
- Lower costs in mailing and follow-up work. Fewer errors and discrepancies
- Eliminates repetitive data entry and collection
- Allows for potential use of data from other agencies in a seamless manner

Significant Progress Towards eGov and GPEA Goals

E-GOV What is Business Gateway looking for?

- Business Gateway is looking for an industry/sub-sector that submits duplicate information to multiple Federal Agencies/Bureaus or State Governments

E-GOV How will Business Gateway Choose?

- **Criteria for Selection:**
  1. *Data Redundancy*—the number of times data must be submitted
  2. *Owners/Champions*—within the government and within industry
  3. *Small Businesses Directly Impacted*—small businesses are more dramatically affected by regulatory burdens
  4. *Value Added to the Government*—increased efficiency, large return on investment, one year timeframe

E-GOV What does Business Gateway want to do?

- Identify a sub-sector
- Form a cross-agency task force
- Provide seed money and oversight for a pilot project deemed to yield a high ROI
- One agency will designate a project manager to run the project
- The solution should be web-based, open source, scalable, and aligned with the FEA
- OMB to use the next vertical as a DRM use case

Agency Benefits of participation:

- Set the standards
- Lead rather than follow
- Will not have to conform later on
- OMB to use the next vertical as a DRM use case
- Your constituents will be happy

If you are interested…

- Contact Business Gateway to:
  - Present ideas for ripe sub-sectors
  - Provide contact information of people within your agency/association that have ideas
  - Discuss next steps and gain stakeholder alignment and/or backing
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Questions?